

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

- 1) Replace paragraph 22 of the application with the following amended paragraph:

According to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, plate 113 is formed from a sheet of 0.074 inch 14-gauge type A36 mild steel 121. Sleeve 121 preferably is formed of 2.5 inch O.D. by 0.065 inch wall thickness 1020 steel and is wire welded to plate 113 in a conventional manner. As illustrated, this forms a generally continuous (in both length and cross-section), one-piece, hollow cylindrical sleeve. These dimensions are given for a post having a nominal outer diameter of [2.5] 2.375 inches. Dimensions will, of course, vary with the application.